

Guilty Plea for Attempted Kidnapping to Lead to Prison Sentence

Others face sentencings for weapons charges. A Newark man faces at least 15 years in prison for an attempted kidnapping. Deputy Attorneys General Christina Kontis and Joe Grubb secured a guilty plea to Attempted Kidnapping Second Degree, Burglary Third Degree and Failure to Register as a Sex Offender from 35-year-old Joseph Rudge. In July 2016, Rudge grabbed a woman by the neck, and tried to place a wet rag over her mouth as she was unloading items from her car into her Colonial Gardens Apartment in the 300 block of East Main Street in Newark. The victim was able to scream and elbow Rudge, forcing him to run away. Rudge faces a minimum mandatory sentence of 15 years when sentenced by Superior Court Judge Richard Cooch in March.

Deputy Attorney General Diana Dunn secured a guilty plea and prison sentence for Lamarr Anderson, 26, of Wilmington on weapons charges. In February 2015, a State Police Trooper attempted to stop a car driven by Anderson for a traffic violation along Salem Church Road in Newark. Anderson ignored the Trooper's emergency lights and continued to drive until crashing into a telephone pole, when Anderson got out of the car and began running. The Trooper caught up with Anderson and was able to place him under arrest after using his Taser. At the time of his arrest, Anderson was carrying a loaded .45 caliber automatic pistol. Anderson pled guilty to Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited, and Carrying a Concealed Weapon, and was immediately sentenced by Superior Court Judge Paul Wallace to 10 years in prison followed by probation. Anderson also faces sentencing on a probation violation where he faces 5 years of back time.

Deputy Attorney General Christina Kontis secured a guilty plea from David Mize, 26, of Newark for Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited, Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon and Menacing. In August 2016, Mize was asked to leave the Chick-Fil-A restaurant on Ridge Avenue in Middletown for acting aggressively and using foul language. As the restaurant manager tried to subdue Mize in the parking lot, a handgun fell out of Mize's pant leg. Police also discovered Mize had a knife in his backpack. Mize faces a minimum mandatory sentence of 5 years in prison when sentenced in Superior Court in March.